

HEADQUARTERS  
 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
 Office of the Commanding Officer

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.  
 Attention 26th Statistical Control Unit.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 247 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 6 Dec 1944  
 Mission or Operation No. 166. 97th CW FO 82-658

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Erkelenz Defended Area.  
 Place of take-off AAF Station A-55  
 Place of landing AAF Station A-55  
 Take-off time 1002 Landing time 1304  
 Time over target 1135 1/2 Bombing Altitude 13000 - 13,500 ft.  
 Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
 Weather 9/10 cloud cover over target area.  
 Results Unobserved due to cloud cover.  
 Enemy opposition Weak heavy inaccurate flak at target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 11 A-20K  
26 A-26B

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
7 A-20K Erkelenz Defended Area.  
22 A-26B Erkelenz Defended Area.  
9 A-20K (Window)

3. Abortive due to:  
 (1) Weather: None  
 (2) Personnel: 1 A-20K - selector switches in wrong position. 1 A-26 - bombs released prematurely - system checked and functions properly.  
 (3) Mechanical: 1 A-26 shortage in cannon plug ~~xxxx~~ causing fire in cockpit.  
 (4) Other: 1 A-26 - smoke in radio compartment caused by short in camera circuit. 1 A-26 - flight leader failed to release.

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None  
 giving cause where known \_\_\_\_\_

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None  
 target giving cause where known \_\_\_\_\_

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None

8. Sorties 11 A-20K  
24 A-26B

## D. Total operational flying hours

a. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

A-20 35:05

A-26 75:25

b. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

None

## E. Ammunition by calibres:

a. Total carried into air

A-20 16,500 x 50 cal.

A-26 57,200 x 50 cal.

b. Expended on operations

None

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

None

## F. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air:

A-20 92 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T

A-26 156 x 500 lb GP 1/10 N 1/100 T

b. Expended on operations:

A-20 28 x 500 lb GP

(List targets separately)

A-26 127 x 500 lb GP

c. Jettisoned

A-26 6 x 500 lb GP (Accidental premature  
explosion)d. Lost or wrecked on  
missing a/c

None

e. Total Returned

A-20 2 x 500 lb GP

A-26 29 x 500 lb GP

## G. Own Personnel Casualties:

Type of Casualty	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	H.Gun	E.Gun	T.Gun
Killed in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):-

a. Destroyed

None

b. Prob. Des

None

c. Damaged

None

For the Commanding Officer:

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